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TAGS: ETRD SENV IN US
SUBJECT: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION INQUIRY INTO COSTS
OF POLLUTION CONTROL

1. ON JULY 17 EMBASSY RECEIVED A LETTER (DATED JUNE 30)
FROM ROBERT B. CAMERON, THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
TO USITC COMMISSIONER WILLIAM ALBERGER. CARMERON ASKED
THE AMBASSADOR'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING ANY STUDIES
DONE IN INDIA ON THE IMPACT ON PRODUCTION COSTS OF INDUSTRIAL
POLLUTION CONTROLS. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS ATTEMPTING
A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF SUCH COSTS IN
ORDER TO RESPOND TO ALLEGATIONS BY US DOMESTIC INDUSTRY
THAT US POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS PUT US PRODUCERS AT A
DISADVANTAGE IN RELATION TO FOREIGN PRODUCERS.

2. DEPARTMENT MAY, AT ITS DISCRETION, WISH TO TRANSMIT THE
FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO CAMERON'S QUERY: QUOTE THE PROBLEM
OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION HAS BECOME AN ISSUE
OF GOVERNMENT CONCERN IN INDIA ONLY IN RECENT YEARS.
AN ATTEMPT TO ASSESS THE LEVEL OF POLLUTION IN URBAN
AREAS HAS ONLY BEGUN AND WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY POLLUTION
ABATEMENT LAWS IN THIS COUNTRY. ENVIRONMENTAL
CONCERNS IN THE BROADEST SENSE WERE PRESUMABLY ONE
FACTOR IN THE GOVERNMENT POLICY, ANNOUNCED LAST YEAR,
TO REFUSE TO LICENSE NEW INDUSTRIAL PLANTS IN MAJOR
URBAN AREAS. WHILE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS POLICY
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WOULD HAVE ECONOMIC COSTS, THE PROPORTION OF THE COST
ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE GOAL OF POLLUTION CONTROL MAY BE
IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE. UNQUOTE

3. COPY OF LETTER WILL BE POUCHED TO NEA/INS.
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